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**To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**Subject: TRICHOMONOSIS TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR BULLS ENTERING CALIFORNIA**

California has recently adopted regulations to protect California's cattle from bovine trichomonosis. These regulations require that bulls over 18 months of age entering California have all of the following:

- ## Official individual identification
- ## Negative trichomonosis test results on a specimen collected after 10 days without contact with sexually mature female cattle, and within 30 days prior to entry into California
- ## A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection stating the bull has tested negative for trichomonosis, and the veterinarian's statement that trichomonosis has not been diagnosed in the herd of origin within the past 24 months
- ## Any bull originating from a herd in which trichomonosis has been diagnosed within the past 24 months shall have three consecutive negative trichomonosis tests conducted at least seven days apart, but not more than 28 days apart, with the last test conducted within 30 days prior to entry.

**Exceptions - Bulls imported for:**

- ## Exhibition under confinement at the location
- ## Pasture to Pasture grazing (Commuter Herd Permit)
- ## Artificial insemination
- ## Slaughter without diversion

These regulations become effective September 21, 2003. If you have any questions, please contact the Animal Health Branch at (916) 651-6278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard E. Breitmeyer".

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